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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007,  
it is respectfully requested that the above-identified  
application be reconsidered in light of the remarks set forth  
below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.